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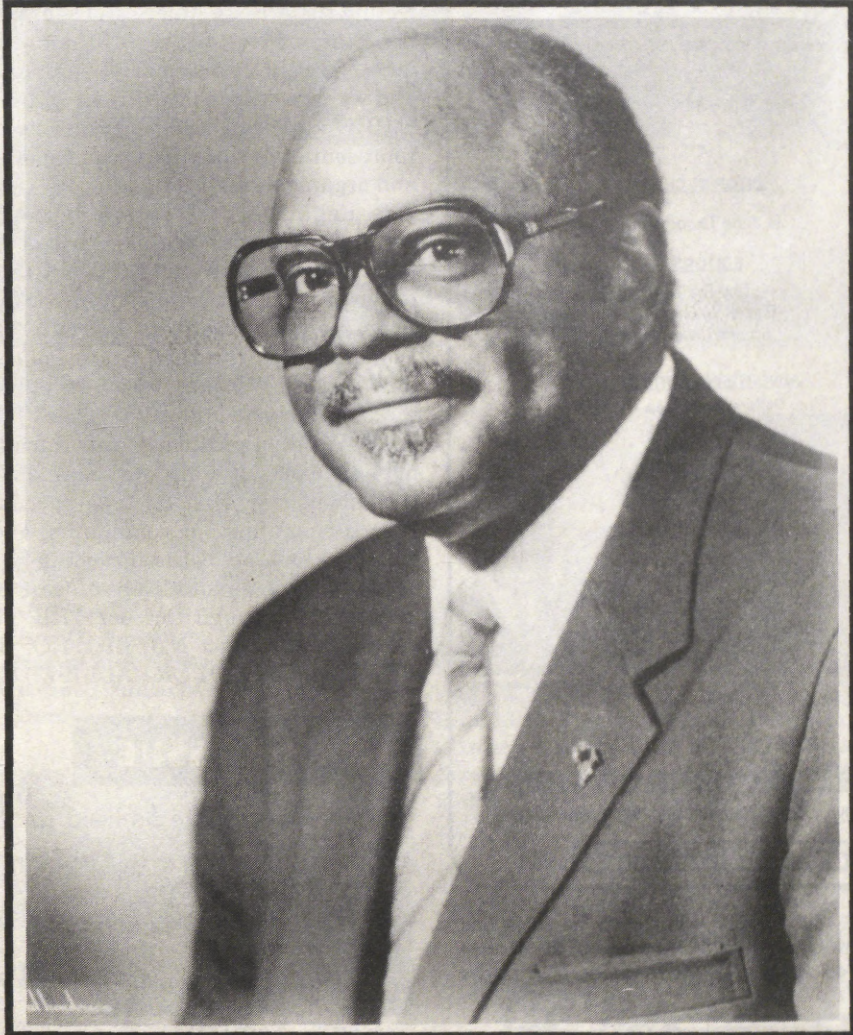
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The negative correlation between White society's attitudes against African Americans and African affairs was made crystal clear this past spring in an extensive interview done by Star Ledger Trenton Bureau Chief Joe Donahue with the then State Police Superintendent Carl Williams, which brought out a fact that Blacks have known for years. In the interview Williams confirmed that racial profiling not only exists, but also was State Police policy. It is about time that *we* take part in these issues surrounding our community, and we urge everyone to support the upcoming annual New Jersey Black Issues Convention beginning October 14 through October 17th. For further information contact N.J. BIC, P.O. BOX 1843, NEWARK, NJ 07101 OR CALL (973) 824-7463.

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*Are you feeling lucky?*



**HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE:** L-R Shown on the dais at the Hall of Fame dinner, Chairman Thomas P. Giblin, Senator Richard J. Codey, U.S. Senator Robert G. Torricelli, Rick Thigpen and Congressman Donald M. Payne. Seated from L-R Hank Martinez and Anthony Jackson, both are candidates for Essex County Freeholder.



**TWO DEMOCRATIC LEADERS:** L-R Essex County Sheriff, Armando B. Fontoura and Newark Mayor and Senator Sharpe James who were both inducted into the Essex County Democratic Committee Hall of Fame.



**PAYNE AND JONES:** L-R Congressman Donald M. Payne, Thomas P. Giblin, Essex County Democratic Chairman and Assemblyman Leroy J. Jones, Jr. (District - 27th).



**IT PAYS TO LISTEN** L-R Rick Thigpen, former Executive Director NJ State Democratic Committee listens carefully to the words of wisdom from East Orange Mayor Robert Bowser.

## THE ESSEX COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ANNUAL SPRING DINNER AND HALL OF FAME GALA





**THE 27TH DISTRICT SECRET;** L-R Thomas P. Giblin, Democrat Chairman and Shivaun Gaines, Chief of Staff to Assemblyman Leroy J. Jones, Jr. both of Montclair.



**A NEW FACE** L-R Newark Councilman and Assemblyman Donald Tucker congratulating Anthony Jackson, East Orange, Democratic candidate for District 3, Freeholder.



**NEWARK'S SOUTH WARD** L-R Emma Herron, Essex County Democratic Vice Chair, Newark Mayor and Senator Sharpe James, Freeholder Vice President Blonnie Watson and Democratic Chairman Thomas P. Giblin.



**SENATOR LIPMAN REMEMBERED:** Speaking at the podium is Christie Davis, who provided a memorial speech on behalf of the late Senator Wynona M. Lipman who died in May, 1999.

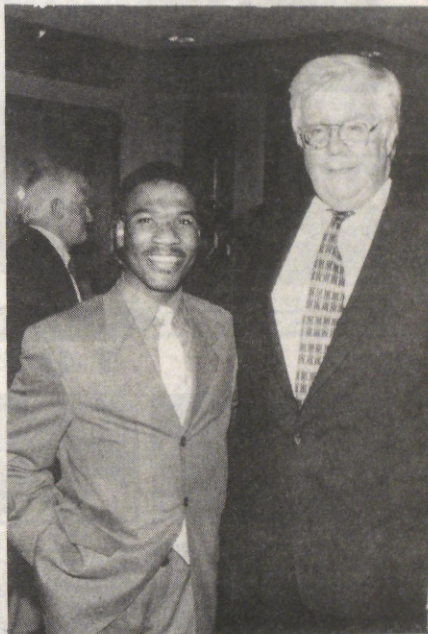




**TWO WEST WARDERS:** L-R Daniel Williams, President Newark Branch NAACP, and Astera Argyris, both are Democratic Distric Leaders in Newark's West Ward.



**A NEW EAST ORANGE COUNCIL MEMBER L-R** Zachary Turner, future East Orange Councilman, James E. McGreevey, Woodbridge Mayor and Hon. Thomas Brown, East Orange Councilman.



**IRVINGTON LEADERSHIP:** L-R Joseph Thelusca, Irvington Board of Education Vice President and Thomas P. Giblin, Democratic Chairman.



**THE WEST WARD LEADER:** L-R Raymond M. Durkin, former Essex County Democratic Chairman, West Ward Councilwoman Mamie Bridgeforth and former Congressman Joseph G. Minish.



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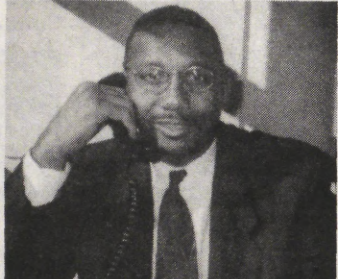
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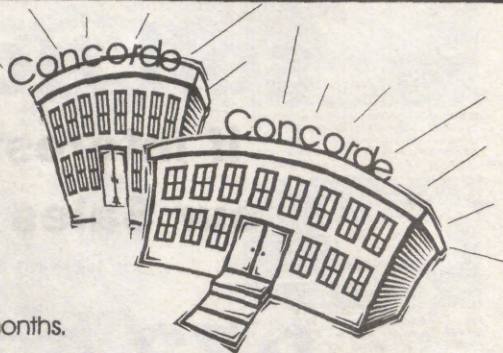


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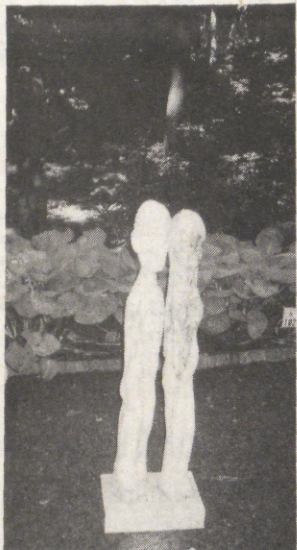
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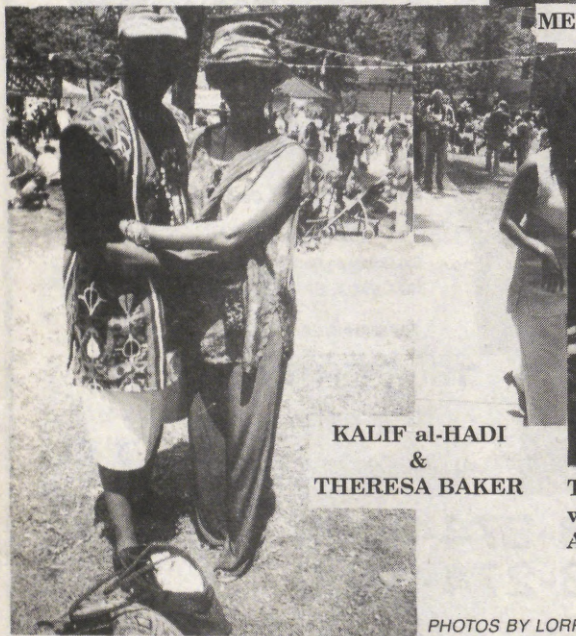


# NJ ARTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL AT NJPAC

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**TONYA & JOHN GREGORY** among the many who enjoyed the sights and sounds of the 1st Annual NJ Arts & Music Festival at NJPAC.

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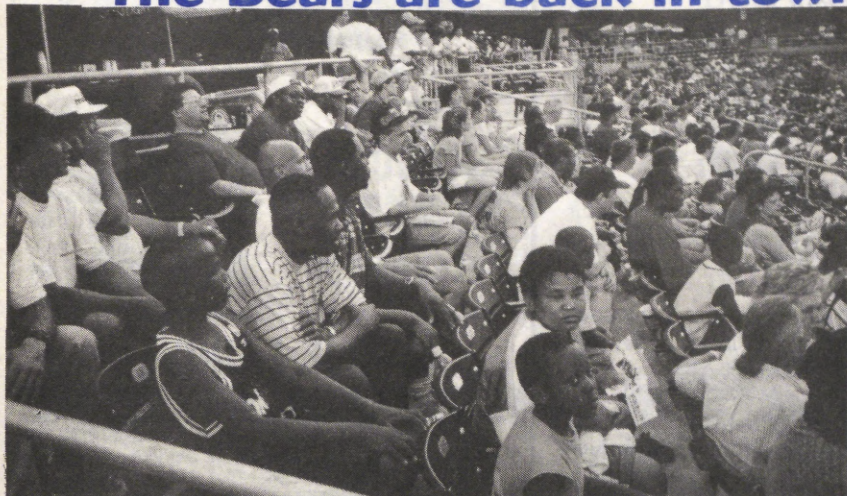


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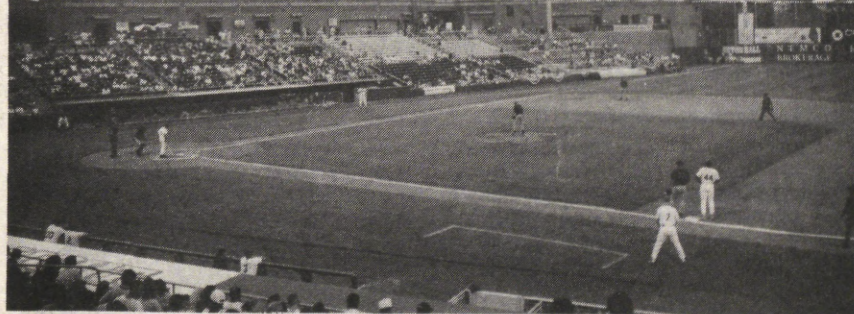
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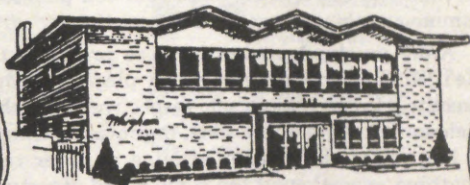
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# Strictly JAZZ!

By JOE THOMAS

## Compendious Analyzation of a Jazz Artist

Can you imagine yourself driving along your own private road and simultaneously, as you please, you add things to your car. Such as stereo speakers, convertible top, more channels to your cell phone and, *summa cum laude*, a year's newness to your car?!!

Analogously: A jazz artist does precisely that! He'll/She'll take a melody and play it through. Ensuite, He/She plays a solo respective of the chord/melodic structure of the song, improvising from bar to bar, phrase to phrase, striving to never repeat anything even though the same chord structure is repeatedly engaged throughout the solo. On occasion, the artist will go outside the original chord progressions and play substitute chords, rhythm, patterns will change remarkably from "within a composition". What is so amazing is it doesn't matter how fast the song might be played!!

A song that comes to mind is: "Cherokee". This song was considered (among others), a challenge!! Jazz artists eagerly embraced it. Johnny Griffin played it almost at the "speed of light". This man made some saxophone players believe either he had more keys on his horn than they had on theirs, or he had more fingers!

For the edification of those who are not musically educated, I will explain that Jazz artists don't think of a few notes to play at a time, rather, they think "whole phrases". They have the ability to change a phrase halfway through it!! (Imagine a pitcher who could throw a pitch starting as a curve and midway to the plate, it turned into a fast-ball!! Wow!) This can be attributed to long hours of practice and study. It would be truly inappropriate to not mention that, surtout. There exists: natural ability and sometimes, genius.

I'm delighted jazz is alive and well and should I be asked: "How important do you feel jazz is to music *en-generale*?" My answer: "It is a *sine qua non*!"

Keep Jazz Alive.

Till next time

## LITTLE JIMMY SCOTT 'BRINGS THE HOUSE DOWN AT BIRDLAND'

NEW YORK CITY- Little Jimmy Scott sang numbers from his latest CD, "Holding Back the Years" (Artists Only) and more. Chip Defiaa from the *New York Post* quotes... "His high-pitched emotionally intense early records influenced Nancy Wilson, Frankie Lymon, Marvin Gaye, and Frankie Valli (who used to hang with him in Newark). Sherman Hemsley (TV's "George Jefferson") said he wished he could sing like Little Jimmy Scott. And once, when I took noted Danish photographer Andreas Johnsen to see Scott, we found Madonna savoring his work, too; she told us he was "the only singer who ever really made me cry."



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**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20): Whether today's powerful Mars-Jupiter aspect is classed as good or bad depends entirely on you. If you can keep your emotions under control, there is nothing you cannot achieve today. If, however, your feelings get the better of you, there will be tears before bedtime.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 20): With Mars, your ruling planet, at odds with Jupiter today, your world may be chaotic - but that's all right with you. From chaos comes challenge; from challenge comes opportunity; and if you are typical of your birth sign, you are well-placed to make the most of the confusion.

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**TAURUS** (April 21-May 21): It is not unnatural that you should want to protect partners and loved ones from the consequences of their actions, but is it really the best thing for them? You know from long experience that people learn best when they learn the hard way. Let fate take its course today.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21): If your reputation means a lot to you, then don't go too far today. If, however, you are looking to make your reputation, then do act outrageously. People in positions of authority will be impressed by your willingness to take risks - and also maybe a bit afraid.

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**CANCER** (June 22-July 23): If you allow others to call the shots today, you inevitably won't get your fair share of the pie. If, however, you put your foot down at the first sign of trouble, they will back off. You cannot afford to be too nice today - not even with people you admire.

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**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23): Only you know why you are determined not to give ground or compromise. However, as Leo is a fixed sign, there is no point in anyone trying to persuade you to adopt a more flexible approach - only you know that isn't an option.

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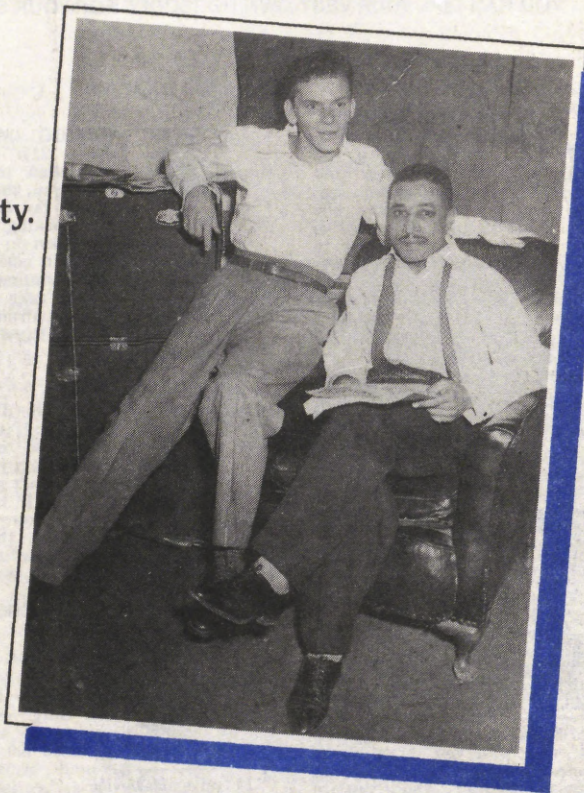
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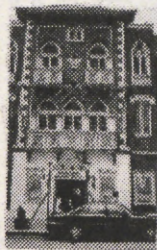
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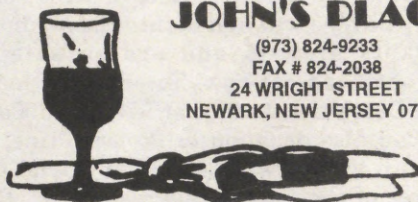
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3. If you go to a MacDonald's or White Castle and see most of the take out plates wrappers, straws and napkins on the ground.
4. If the streets haven't been repaved in 30 years, (and nobody has complained).
5. If you see two or more locks on the doors and bars at the windows.
6. If you see two or more store front churches and at least one bar in a block.
7. If you see a six foot 180 lb. Boy riding a bike that is only 24 inches high.; or If you see boys riding at two the morning.
8. If there are no street signs on the poles; and taxicabs and cars blow their horns loudly before seven o'clock in the morning.
9. If you see hundreds of Asian fish stores and Chinese restaurants in the neighborhood.
10. If you hear "Salsa" music played loudly around your corner convenience store.

Meanwhile people are still minding everybody business but their own, like Mrs. J. P. on Maple Ave. in Hillside, she thinks she's the Neighborhood Information Officer. She will tell you about everybody business without anybody asking her. But ask her something about herself and she shuts up like a clam! ... And there is a certain fellow driving a certain B.M.W. That doesn't belong to him. How long do you think it will be before the man catches up to you and finds out you have phony plates and registration on your stolen car?... *The Shadow* has been checking out the club scene and its not what it used to be. It seems that people are just not going out as much as they used to, could be that the drinks and admission are too high? Or that there just isn't many good live acts around? It seems nobody wants to pay just to see other people on the dance floor... I

sure hope somebody will tell G.H. on So. 12th. St. in Newark, that trying to keep two families going these days *don't cut it*. Times are too hard, and one of the two will suffer. And you have a tough choice to make, cause *The Shadow* has seen both of the women and they are fine! Glad its not me who has to choose - but please let me know which one you are going to keep, "I don't mind leftovers."

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## CITY NEWS

April, 1999

### Black and Latino lawyers stand defiant against police profiling

By Carl Chase  
Staff Writer

**EAST ORANGE** — Leaders of the Garden State Bar Association and the Hispanic Bar Association stood together recently to condemn the rampant use of profiling by law enforcement agencies in New Jersey.

"As officers of the court, we are appalled at the continued denial by the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey and the leadership of the New Jersey State Police that illegal racial profiling has been and continues to be practiced by some state police officers," the group's president, John E. Page, said in a press conference in East Orange on April 14.

"In fact, figures from the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. House Judiciary Committee indicate that 72 percent of drivers pulled over for routine traffic stops are African-American," he added. "However, African Americans make up only 14 percent of the national population. The evidence is clear and overwhelming."

"As citizens of the United States and residents of the State of New Jersey, we know that racial profiling exists. In fact, it lessens us and debases us as citizens," he said. "Many of us, whether male or female, have been personally stopped while driving on the highways and in the neighborhoods of this state where we live and work. Our children have been stopped. We have personally suffered the indignities of being stopped by police officers for no reason than driving while black or driving while brown."



Attorney Ronald Thompson of the Garden State Bar Association member Regina Waynes Joseph's personal account of illegal profiling. The group will offer free help to victims through a toll-free line.

Hispanic Bar Association President Ramon De La Cruz added, "The facts and statistics regarding racial profiling are clear and convincing to us."

Indeed, more than a half-dozen members recalled their own gut-wrenching experiences on the wrong end of police scrutiny and humiliation. The incidents often led only to embarrassment for cops and a bitter sense that black citizens, no matter how law-abiding or well-accomplished, continue to be viewed by some as the police officer's natural target.

Raymond Hamlin, attorney of exonerated former murder suspect Terrance Everett (proven innocent of killing Police Officer Joyce Carnegie), recalled an example just three weeks old.

Hamlin and his wife, Urban League of Essex County Execu-

tive Director Zoraya Lezama, were stopped in the Mercedes by a Hazlet police officer just because the window tint was too dark. He produced an expired law forbidding stops for window tint, before the police had but and inconvenienced the Hamlin and his wife were quite upset, he definitely ruined our evening."

He seemed emotional when he added, "My 10-year-old Raymond Jr. sat in the back seat, and he asked, 'What's wrong, Daddy wrong?'"

"The tint on my Mercedes was very slight, and you can see inside the car," he said. Hamlin showed the car to reporters outside the press conference at the law office of Ronald Thompson on Harrison Street.

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